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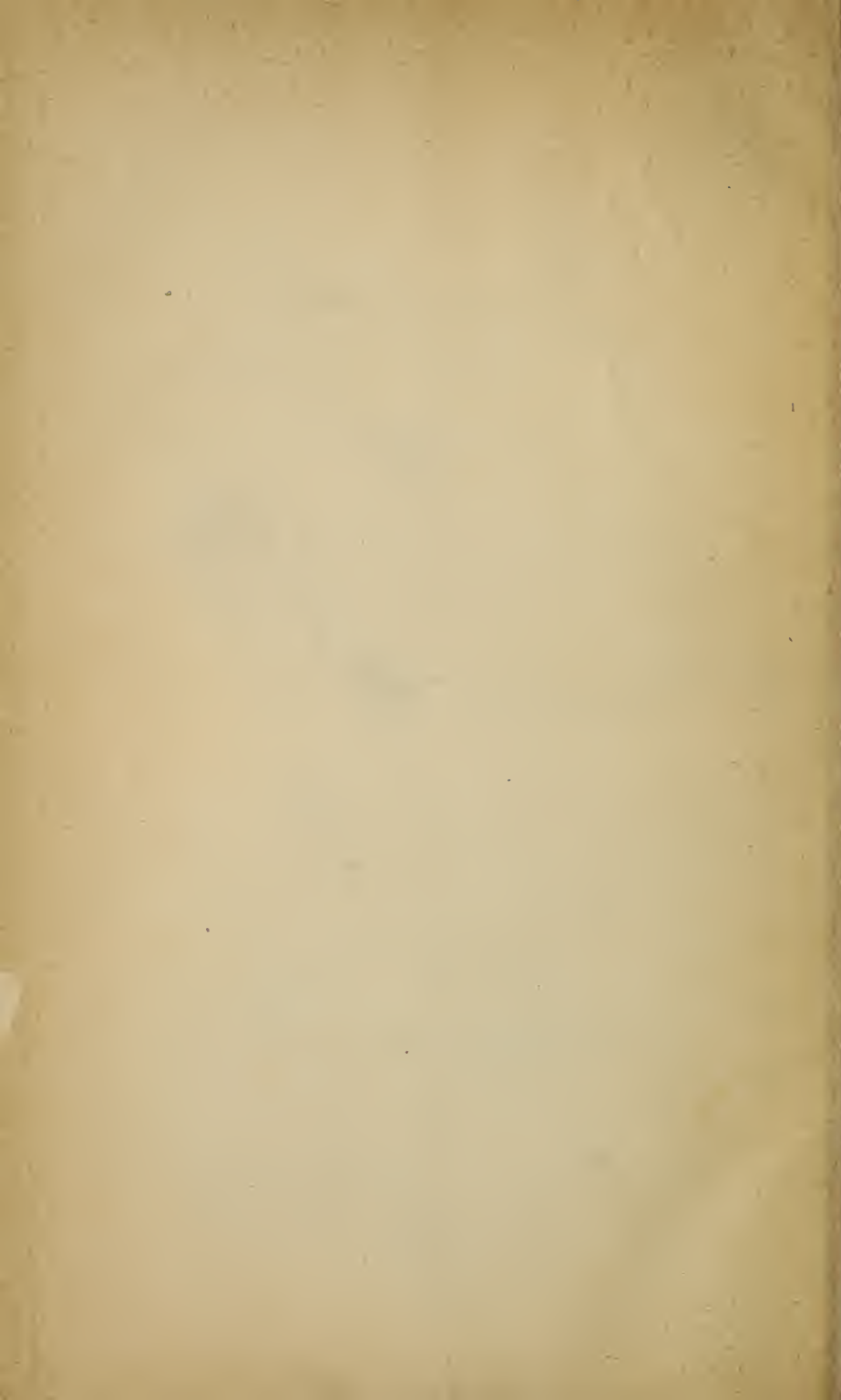
FRIDAY MORNING, DEC. 18, 1868.

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"The Proper Study of Mankind is Man."

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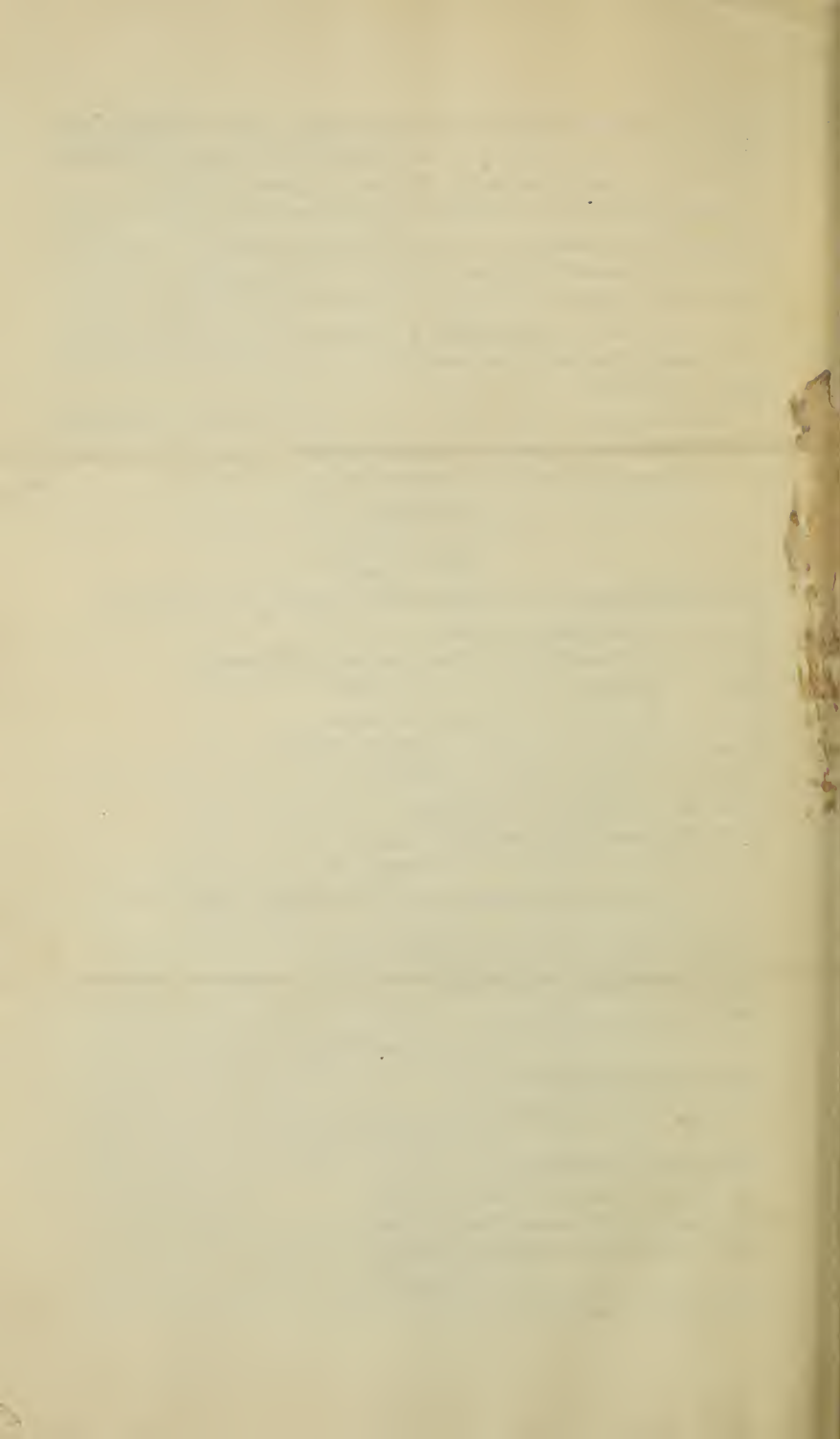
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